



Franklin County Dog Shelter **LOST DOG INFORMATION**



Losing your pet can be a very stressful experience. Many pet owners aren't sure what to do, or where to start looking for their dog. We have listed some tips below that we hope will prove useful to you:

- Start looking for your pet immediately! Don't wait for your dog to come home on its own. By the time you discover your dog is missing, it could have already been picked up by an Animal Control officer, the police, or by a private citizen.
- Spend the first couple hours or so searching your neighborhood. Most lost dogs are found close to home. Ask your neighbors to keep an eye out for your dog.
- **Come to the Franklin County Dog Shelter in person as soon as possible, to file a lost dog report and to look for your dog. You must identify your dog in person.** The Shelter ***cannot*** identify dogs over the phone.
- **Be sure to check the "Found Dogs" posted on our lobby bulletin board, too. These dogs are being kept by the person who found them, not at the shelter.**
- **Come back at least every other day to look for your pet.** Dogs that are not wearing a current dog license are sometimes held for only three days. The Shelter is open from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM weekdays, and from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM weekends.
- Post fliers all over the area where the dog was lost. Use large print so people driving by can read the sign. Be specific about the description of your dog, and include a photograph if possible. If you wish to offer a reward, do not specify the amount of the reward on the flier. Do not pay the reward to anyone until after your dog has been returned.
- Post a flier in the pet food section of your local grocery or convenience store. If someone found your dog and is planning on keeping it, they will need food.
- Check with your mail carrier, local Veterinarians, boarding kennels, dog groomers, etc. and give them your flyer.
- Place a "lost dog" ad in the Dispatch and/or your local community paper.
- Check bulletin boards in your area to see if someone has posted a "dog found" message.
- If you live in or near a municipality, or close to the County line, check with nearby Animal Control officers/agencies (phone numbers on reverse side).
- Post a lost report on the *PET FBI* internet site at www.petfbi.org.

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HELPFUL TELEPHONE LISTINGS

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Bexley	239-8881
Gahanna	471-8080
Reynoldsburg	866-6622
Upper Arlington	583-5411
Westerville	901-6863
Whitehall	237-6333
Worthington	885-4463

COUNTY DOG WARDENS

Delaware	740-368-1915
Fairfield	740-653-4582
Franklin	614-462-3400
Licking	740-349-6562
Madison	740-852-7387
Pickaway	740-474-3741
Union	937-645-3016

LOCAL ANIMAL AGENCIES

Capital Area Humane Society	777-7387
Citizens for Humane Action	891-5280
Cat Welfare	268-6096

LOST/FOUND ASSISTANCE

Pet FBI (www.petfbi.org)	675-1305
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